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God's True Temple: Christ's Church

1 Corinthians 3:9b-23

1) It is built on the foundation of Jesus Christ (10-11; cf. Matt 28:19-20)
   a) By constructive pastors who will receive the crown of life (1 Thess 2:19-20; 2 Tim 4:7-8; Jas 1:12; 1 Pet 5:4; Rev 4:9-11)
   b) By immature pastors who ignore Scriptural teaching
   c) By destructive pastors who build on worldly foundations
2) It is constructed with the proper materials (12-17)
   a) God-breathed Scripture; nothing man-made
   b) Proper prayer, not psychology & philosophy
   c) Worship of God through sacrifice
3) It will be tested by fire (13; cf. 2 Cor. 5:10)
4) It is built according to the right plan with the proper motive (18-23)
   a) We view ourselves rightly (18-20)
   b) We view others properly (21-22a)
   c) We view our possessions aptly (22b)
   d) We view our Possessor correctly (23)
   e) Our motive must be the glory of God, not self-promotion
5) Are you building up Christ's church or tearing it down?
   a) Blessing or a curse? A smile or a frown?
   b) Teaching truth or sharing stories?
   c) Praying or grumbling?
   d) Serving or sitting?
   e) Giving or taking?